THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) 172 major and 293 medium irrigation projects including 4 non plan major irrigation projects of Cauvery basin in Karnataka have spilled over from VII Plan period.

(b) Estimated spill over cost of these projects from the VII Plan is Rs. 36210 crores.

(c) and (d) The VIII Plan proposals have not been finalised. However, the strategy for the VIII Plan envisages strict prioriti-sation of funding for completion of ongoing projects.

Erosion of Indian Shoreline in West Bengal

1596. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of serious erosion of Indian shoreline in West Bengal from Digha to Sagardwip by the Bay of Bengal causing serious danger to the Calcutta and Haldia ports owing to the submerging of considerable land space; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to tackle the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Erosion along the coastal line is a natural Phenomenon. Sporadic erosion along the coastal line in the Bay of Bengal has been reported by the maritime states. Considerable erosion has been reported in the North-west part of Sagardwip as well as near Digha coast. There is no serious danger to the Calcutta and Haldia ports due to such erosion/submer-gance of land space.

(b) The Government of West Bengal has since provided protection to the coastline at Digha and Sagardwip. Besides the State Government have formulated a outline scheme costing Rs. 330 crores for beach and esturine protection works of Sunder-bans and the coast reaches in the district of Twenty-foTir Parganas and Midnapore, The scheme envisages construction of sea walls over a length of 180 kilometres. The State Government has been advised by the Central Water Commission to prepare detailed project report for each of the sites after fixing the priorities of execution and have them processed in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Planning Comission.

मध्य प्रदेश में सिंचाई परियोजनाएं

1597. **श्री राघवजी :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के भोपाल प्रभाग में विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तावित ऐसी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है जोकि विभिन्न कारणों से केन्द्रीय सरकार के विभिन्न मंत्रालयों के पास लंबित पड़ी हैं;

(ख) प्रत्येक परियोजना किस मंत्रालय के पास, किस तारीख से और किन कारणों से लंबित पड़ी है; और

(ग) इस तथ्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए कि मध्य प्रदेश के सिंचित क्षेत्र का औसत राष्ट्रीय औसत से कम है, क्या सरकार उपर्युक्त परियोजनाओं को यथाशीघ्र मंजूरी प्रदान करेगी ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के भोपाल मंडल में नयी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्र में प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Polavaram Barrage

1598. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for taking up Polavaram Barrage